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REQUIREMENTS

- A. The following individuals cannot be included in either the TCA or FS assistance unit
1. Felons who flee to avoid:
 - Prosecution
 - Custody
 - Confinement after conviction
 2. Violators of parole and probation conditions
- B. Individuals convicted for any felony on or after August 22, 1996 which in any way involves a controlled substance are permanently ineligible for TCA, FS, and Emergency Assistance
- Controlled substance violations are:
- Possession
 - Use
 - Distribution
- C. Applicants must provide a written statement as to whether any member of the household meets the criteria in A or B above
- D. If an individual is a felon, the case manager:
1. Sends a Notice of Adverse Action informing the household of a reduction in benefits and the effective date
 2. Removes the felon from the assistance unit
 3. Counts the individual's (adult or minor) unearned income as available to the household, when appropriate
 4. Counts all of the adult's earned income, less disregards, as available to the assistance unit

Note: Be sure the code describing the felon's earned and unearned income is correct on CARES so that it can be properly counted.

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E. If an individual does not verify felon status when it is questionable:

1. Exclude the individual from the assistance unit
2. Count, if the suspected felon is an adult, the individual's income and assets as available to the assistance unit

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Assistance Unit — Basic Requirements
- Financial Eligibility — Income - Ineligible Household Members Calculations